CHAPTER NO. 315

**SENATE BILL NO. 1024** 

By Harper, Burchett, Bryson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1431

By Brown, Henri Brooks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to public education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5607, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as a new subsection:

() Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), the state board of education may continue to place on temporary probation any institution which has thirty percent (30%) or more of its students fail in two (2) consecutive years when there are fewer than ten (10) students taking any single initial licensing examination for a reporting year. In determining whether to continue temporary probation for an institution, the state board shall consider action taken by the teacher training institution to improve candidates' passage rate on state teachers' examinations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 28, 2003

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003

PHIL BREDESEN GOVERNOR